

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of August 8, 2005**

1. **Street Restoration (Wards 1 & 6):** The milling and paving of Takoma Avenue between New York Avenue and Piney Branch Avenue is scheduled to start Monday, August 15. The milling is planned to take the better part of 2 days and will be followed by the paving, which will also take 2 days. Concrete curb and gutter restoration began this week on Lockney and will continue into most of next week. *(Public Works)*
2. **New Trash Truck Arrived:** The City received the new 31 yard rear loading trash truck this week. The truck has been registered and licensed and has been put to use briefly. The truck has experienced a few minor mechanical problems that are being rectified by the supplier and is expected to go into full service next week. This truck replaces a 16 year old trash truck in the fleet and is very much appreciated by the staff. *(Public Works)*
3. **Meeting with FTA (Citywide):** City officials will be meeting with the Director of the Regional Office of the Federal Transit Administration on Tuesday, August 16 to express their concerns about development plans for the Takoma Metro site which limit transit access for the community. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
4. **Liquor License (Ward 3):** There will be a hearing on September 1 at 1:30 pm regarding the Beer, Wine and Liquor license of Congress Restaurant, 6834 New Hampshire Avenue. The Board of License Commissioners will hold the hearing on alleged violations of the County Code, which could result on revocation or suspension of the license, or imposition of fines or penalties. The hearing will be held in the First Floor Auditorium of the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
5. **Officer/Cadets in Training (Wards 2 - 5):** Ofc. Conrad, who was recently transferred to investigations, attended a three-day basic investigators school this week. In the eight weeks since this assignment, she has been in training with Det. Poole and has handled numerous cases including obtaining warrants for arrest of an individual for seven shoplifting incidents and for arrests closing three burglaries. (Ward 6) Formerly the COP William Sector Specialist, she will primarily work in that sector (Wards 2,3,4, & 5). All three of the Takoma Park Police cadets who took the police entrance exam passed and will be scheduled for an oral interview, successful completion of which will lead to a background investigation. *(Police)*
6. **Traffic Enforcement:** The majority of traffic enforcement for this week has concentrated on the major roadway of New Hampshire Avenue, as well as Philadelphia, Carroll and University. *(Police)*
7. **Chief & Crime Control Office:** Chief Creamer met with a representative from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to discuss the idea of replicating the CSAFE model along the MD/DC border. *(Police)*

**8. Weather Forecast & Emergency Preparedness:** With the forecasts for a strong hurricane season, residents should be preparing themselves and their residences for possible emergency conditions. For more information about hurricanes, see <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/hurricanes.shtm>; for information about a basic disaster kit, see [http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/assemble\\_disaster\\_supplies\\_kit.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/assemble_disaster_supplies_kit.shtm). This information is contained in an excellent publication, "Are You Ready?" through the FEMA publications warehouse free to individuals by calling 1.800.480.2520. *(Police)*

**9. Animal Control:** The County Animal Control Services collected two raccoons this week, both tested positives for rabies. One was referred by the Nuisance Abatement Specialist from the 7700 block of Maple and the second by residents in the 300 block of Mississippi. (Wards 4 & 5) Neither animal had confirmed contact with people or domestic animals. Although these numbers are not a cause for concern, residents should be reminded that pets should be current for rabies vaccination. Animals and children should be supervised while outdoors. Raccoons are wild animals and should not be approached. Individuals interested in more information about rabies and raccoons are referred to the April 2005 COP segment of Takoma Park Snapshots on this subject. Video copies are available from the Takoma Park Library or community groups interested in a showing of the DVD, should contact the COP Team at 301.891.7124. *(Police)*

**10. Cable Services Complaints:** As many are probably aware, the number of complaints about cable service in the County have skyrocketed in the last few months. Please know that the County handles complaints for Takoma Park residents. Residents are encouraged to call the County Cable Office at 240-777-3793 to file a complaint. Or, they may file online by visiting [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cable](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cable) and clicking on "online complaint filing". *(City TV)*

**11. Police Ride-Alongs:** City TV staff arranged with Carol Bannerman for a ride along with officers Nick Carter and Dee Palmer, and an interview with Sgt. Rick Bowers for the Community Oriented Policing segment on the September Snapshots. *(City TV)*

**12. YES League on Cable:** City TV staff used the PEG Network mobile production van to videotape the varsity and jr. varsity final championship games of the YES league. We were very impressed on how well organized the league is and all the collaboration of the Rec. Department. Special Thanks to Alex McDonnell. *(City TV)*

**13. Championship Games:** The Takoma Park Summer Y.E.S. League held its championship games at Piney Branch Elementary School on Monday, August 8th. Both games were nail biters and were recorded by Takoma Park T.V. and will air sometime this fall. In the J.V. Division the Orange Crush defeated the Wizards by two points and in the Varsity Division the Maple Avenue Ruff Riders defeated Peters Sub Shop by five points. Both games were well attended by fans and family members. *(Recreation)*

**14. End of Summer for Y.E.S.:** On Thursday, August 11, Y.E.S. League ended the exciting summer with a bang. Y.E.S. League held the Slam Dunk contest at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium of Piney Branch Elementary School. The All Star Game between the East and West for age 11 and 12 year olds began at 7:15. The forth quarter was close but in the end the East muscled their way to the top, defeating the west by seven points. Final score East: 83 to West: 76. Then, at 8:30 was the game everyone was waiting for, the Recreation Staff vs. The Y.E.S League Legends. The Legends composed of previous Y.E.S. League champions and old coaches. The Recreation Staff consisted of Staff and new coaches. This game attracted a very large audience and kept the spectators on their toes. *(Recreation)*

**15. Creative Adventures Summer Camp:** Last week we had a wonderful week of adventures, including a trip to Port Discovery. Jack Shue from NASA came to visit the kids and talk about what engineers do and how to become an engineer. He had them use their engineering skills by giving them various puzzles and tasks to complete. *(Recreation)*

**16. End of Summer Camp Program:** August 12 marked the end of the 7 week summer camp program. The theme was Wet and Wild Water Week. Monday the Under the Sea group came in and shared under sea life: snails, crabs, hermit crabs, horse crabs and much more. Tuesday, Mad Science talked to the kids about water and how we use it. Thursday included a trip to the beach at Sandy Point State Park, where everyone had an excellent time soaking up the rays and cooling off in the water. The week ended with a water day of fun: water balloon toss, ice relay, water relays, and a water balloon free for all. *(Recreation)*